



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Garcia, Jr., Rene  
Title: DROPLET EJECTION APPARATUS WITH EJECTION  
FAILURE DETECTION MEANS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present RCE application, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.